

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
Minutes
March 30, 2006

A public meeting of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on March 30, 2006 at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

Members Present:

J.T. McCann, Chairperson, Chief, Flagstaff Police Department
Robert Carter Olson, Vice-Chairperson, Pinal County Attorney
Joseph Arpaio, Maricopa County Sheriff, Jesse Locksa representing
Duane Belcher, Chairperson, Board of Executive Clemency
David Byers, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, Ron Lubitz representing
Clarence Dupnik, Pima County Sheriff, George Heaney representing
Terry Goddard, Attorney General, Tim Black representing
Daniel Hughes, Chief, Surprise Police Department
Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, via conference call
Richard Miranda, Chief, Tucson Police Department, Kermit Miller representing
Dora Schriro, Director, Department of Corrections, Gary Phelps representing
Linda K. Scott, Former Judge
Andrew P. Thomas, Maricopa County Attorney, Phil MacDonnell representing
Roger Vanderpool, Department of Public Safety, Georgene Ramming representing

Legal Counsel Present:

Nancy Beck, Assistant Attorney General

Members Absent:

Tony Estrada, Santa Cruz County Sheriff
Tommie Cline Martin, Gila County Supervisor
Ralph Ogden, Yuma County Sheriff

Staff Participating:

John A. Blackburn, Jr., Executive Director
Mary Marshall, Public Information Officer
Kathy Karam, Program Manager
Pat Nelson, Program Manager
Wendy Boyle, Executive Secretary

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson J.T. McCann at 1:35 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was declared present.

II. Minutes of the January 26, 2006 Meeting

Chairperson J.T. McCann called for a motion on the minutes. Commissioner Carter Olson entered a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2006 meeting. The motion seconded by Designee George Heaney passed unanimously.

III. Executive Director's Report

A. Staff Update

Director Blackburn introduced Debby Finkel, Grants Program Coordinator supporting the Criminal Justice Systems Improvement Program and Craig Albasri-Cox, Web Developer supporting the Information Technology Program as new staff to the Commission. This item was for information only.

B. May Meeting Date Change

Director Blackburn informed the Commission of the May meeting in Tucson and that staff will provide additional information for the meeting place. This item was for information only.

C. Strategic/Sunset Planning Meeting at PowWow

Director Blackburn advised that every state agency has a "sunset date" that allows the legislature to review the agency's effectiveness. Director Blackburn informed the Commission of planning and review sessions to take place in July at Pow Wow and again in November to discuss what the sunset review will consist of, how ACJC has evolved since its inception, the direction and vision of the Commission and recommendations from the legislature to begin the process for 2007. This item was for information only.

D. *Legislative Update*

Mary Marshall, Public Information Officer updated the Commissioners on state and federal issues. At the state level, ACJC sought sponsorship on Senate bill 1038 which allows ACJC to enter into grant agreements enforceable in arbitration. On the federal level, Arizona lawmakers continue to work on federal funding for programs since Byrne/JAG has again been targeted for elimination. Ms. Marshall discussed how ACJC is developing a webpage to post success stories to show how federal monies from Byrne/JAG and RSAT programs are utilized successfully in Arizona communities across the state. This item was for information only.

E. *Grants Update*

Kathy Karam, Program Manager updated the Commissioners on the Byrne/JAG grants. The grant solicitations opened on March 3, 2006 and will close April 14, 2006. The evaluation team will meet on April 19, 2006 to consider the following criteria in addition to the application score. Continuing and former grantees will be evaluated on such factors as: 1.) Timely reporting; 2.) Previous goals and objectives; 3.) Program deficiencies; and 4.) Overall cost of doing business. Staff will present options to the Drug Committee and the Commission at the May meeting. This item was for information only.

IV. *Special Prosecution Grants*

A. Kathy Karam, Program Manager presented a brief history on the Enhanced Gang Prosecution funds. Staff recommended the manner in which the Commission awards the funds be reviewed and consideration be given to a competitive process that places the limited dollars where they are needed yet meets the original legislative intent. Designee Jesse Locksa entered a motion that the Commission approve the following motion: 1.) To eliminate the requirement of distributing Gang Prosecution funds based on a formula by designating the Street Gang Enforcement revolving fund as the funds cut in FY 2002; and 2.) To change the Gang Prosecution grant to a competitive application process. The motion seconded by Commissioner Carter Olson passed unanimously.

B. Kathy Karam, Program Manager discussed how ACJC has awarded Special Prosecution Grants (Aggravated Domestic Violence Prosecution; Gang Prosecution; Obscenity Prosecution and Sexual Exploitation of Children Investigation/Prosecution) based on the original legislation. Staff recommends combining the Special Prosecution funds and allowing the County Attorney Offices to apply for the funds on a competitive basis under the four categories. The Commission reviewed and discussed various options. Commissioner Carter Olson addressed concerns regarding the possible disadvantage smaller counties would face in competing with larger counties in these specialized areas. Larger counties are usually awarded a higher percentage of the grant funds; thus leaving less to be allocated to smaller jurisdictions. Designee Jesse Locksa entered a motion that the Commission approve combining funding for Aggravated Domestic Violence Prosecution, Obscenity Prosecution and Sexual Exploitation of Children grants in the amount of \$391,000 under a competitive application process; and that the Gang Prosecution grant be in the amount of \$603,200 and awarded under a competitive application process. The motion seconded by Commissioner Barbara LaWall passed with one dissenting vote.

V. *Arizona ICJIS Plan-Background Information*

Pat Nelson, Program Manager summarized the preliminary findings and implementation of the IBM study that was completed in March 2002 for the Arizona ICJIS Strategic Plan. The preliminary findings were Governance, Standards and Policy. ACJC adopted standards in November 2003, provided GJXDM/XML Standards XML Training in 2004 and developed eCitation and Booking Schema Projects. Policy included driving standards to the state, criminal justice specific, deciding what needs to be done to achieve integration, and technical committees determining how to implement. The Policy Team was established to direct and support approved strategies for statewide policy development and deployment of strategic initiatives. This item was for information only.

VI. *Executive Steering Committee for Integration and Information, Technology and Systems Improvement Committee Recommendation*

Pat Nelson, Program Manager reviewed the Arizona Integrated Criminal Justice Plan (AZ ICJIS) strategic plan and development of a funding support model. Ms. Nelson discussed utilization of the grant funded records integration project requirements as a means to insure success by requiring project scope and specific milestones are maintained during project development. Ms. Nelson presented the recommendations from the Executive Steering Committee and Information, Technology and Systems Improvement Committee. The recommendations included the strategic direction for integration projects in the state, the funding strategies to address development and on-going support of projects, and the grant funded records integration project requirements for project development.

Commissioner Dan Hughes entered a motion that the Commission approve the strategic plan, funding proposal and project requirements recommended by the Executive Steering Committee and Information Technology Committee. The motion seconded by Commissioner Duane Belcher passed unanimously.

VII. Call to the Public

Chairperson McCann made a call to the public. No members of the audience addressed the Commission.

VIII. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

The next Arizona Criminal Justice Commission meeting will be held in May in Tucson with the date, time and location to be communicated by staff.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Blackburn, Jr.
Executive Director

Audio recording is available upon request.